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## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Amended) A method for managing data including the steps of:
  - (a) creating a questionnaire comprising a series of questions;
  - (b) tokenizing said questionnaire; thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire;
  - (c) transmitting said plurality of tokens to a remote computing device;
  - (d) executing at least a portion of said plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire at said remote computing device to collect a response from a user;
  - (e) transmitting at least a portion of said response from the user to a server via a network; and
  - (f) storing said response at said server.
2. (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 further comprising the step of:
  - (g) translating said response to a format recognizable by a particular computer program; and
  - (h) accessing the translated response from a computer executing said particular computer program.
3. (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 wherein step (a) includes the substeps of:
  - (a) creating a questionnaire by:
    - (i) entering a series of questions into a questionnaire design computer program;

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- (ii) identifying within said questionnaire design computer program the type of response allowed for each question of said series of questions; and
  - (iii) identifying within said questionnaire design computer program a branching path in said questionnaire for each possible response to each question of said series of questions.
- 4. (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 wherein step (b) includes the substeps of:
  - (b) tokenizing said questionnaire thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire by:
    - (i) assigning at least one token to each question of said series of questions;
    - (ii) assigning at least one token to each response called for in said series of questions to identify the type of response required; and
    - (iii) assigning at least one token to each branch in said questionnaire to identify the required program control associated with said branch.
- 5. (Original) The method of data management of claim 1 wherein the transmission of said tokens in step (c) occurs via the network of step (e).
- 6. (Original) A method for modifying a questionnaire used in data management according to the method of claim 1 including the steps of:
  - (a) making at least one incremental change to a portion of the questionnaire;
  - (b) tokenizing said at least one incremental change to said questionnaire;
  - (c) transmitting at least a portion of said tokens resulting from step (b) to a remote computing device, said transmitted tokens comprising less than the entire tokenized questionnaire;
  - (d) incorporating said transmitted tokens into said questionnaire at said remote computing device.

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7. (Currently Amended) A method for collecting survey data from a user comprising:
- (a) designing a questionnaire having branching logic on a first computer platform;
  - (b) automatically transferring said designed questionnaire to at least one loosely networked computer;
  - (c) executing said transferred questionnaire on said loosely networked computer, thereby collecting responses from the user;
  - (d) automatically transferring via the loose network any responses so collected to a central computer; and,
  - (e) making available ~~on the Web~~ in a database any responses transferred to said central computer in step (d).
8. (Original) The method for collecting survey data according to claim 7 further comprising:
- (a) assessing a charge for each transferred response received by said central computer.
9. (Currently Amended) A method for managing data transfers between computers including the steps of:
- (a) creating a questionnaire at a first site in a first computer located at a second site, said first site and said second site being connected by a loose network;
  - (b) transmitting said questionnaire to a remote computer via said loose network, said remote computer running an OIS;
  - (c) modifying said questionnaire with incremental changes at a third site in said first computer located at said second site; and
  - (d) transmitting said incremental changes from said first computer to said remote computer via said loose network;
  - (e) modifying said questionnaire in said remote computer with said incremental changes.

10. (Original) The method for managing data transfers between computers according to claim 9 wherein said first site and said third site are the same.
11. (Original) The method for managing data transfers between computers according to claim 9 wherein said third site is at said remote computer.
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said remote computing device is a loosely networked computer.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7 further including tokenizing said designed questionnaire, thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein said tokens are automatically transferred to said at least one loosely networked computer.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 further including tokenizing said questionnaire, thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire.
16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein said tokens are transmitted to said remote computer.